

**JOINT RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO  
CREATION OF NEW STATE WITHIN UTAH**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Neal B. Hendrickson**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature expresses support for the creation of a separate state within the present boundaries of the state of Utah.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

► expresses support for the creation of a separate state, with the boundary stretching east and west across the present state of Utah and along the southern border of Utah County.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

WHEREAS, representation that reflects citizens' concerns was at the heart of the original 13 colonies' revolt from England;

WHEREAS, as the architects of the United States Government, the Founding Fathers showed their commitment to representation by creating the three branches of government, and by further dividing the Legislative branch into two houses;

WHEREAS, the history of this nation, and its unique legacy to governments throughout the world, demonstrates that representation of the people is the most sure way to preserve



28 freedom;

29 WHEREAS, citizens in the more populated areas of northern Utah have many interests  
30 that stand in stark contrast to the interests of southern rural areas of the state, which feel they  
31 do not have the influence on state policymaking that citizens along the Wasatch Front enjoy;

32 WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 3 of the United States Constitution states in part, "New  
33 States may be admitted by the Congress into this Union; but no new State shall be formed or  
34 erected within the Jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State be formed by the Junction of  
35 two or more States, or parts of States, without the Consent of the Legislatures of the States  
36 concerned as well as of the Congress";

37 WHEREAS, the creation of a separate state, consisting of the southern portion of the  
38 present state of Utah with a northern boundary stretching east and west across the present state  
39 of Utah at the southern border of Utah County, would provide the citizens of what is presently  
40 southern Utah increased access to their state government; and

41 WHEREAS, the creation of a new state from the state of Utah requires the consent of  
42 the Utah Legislature and the United States Congress;

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
44 gives its consent to the creation of a new state from the present state of Utah, consisting of the  
45 southern portion of the state with a northern boundary stretching east and west across the  
46 present state of Utah at the southern border of Utah County.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Speaker of  
48 the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate,  
49 the Governor of the state of Utah, and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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**H.J.R. 6 - Joint Resolution Consenting to Creation of New State Within Utah**

**Fiscal Note**

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**State Impact**

Absent further action by the United States Congress, enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Absent further action by the United States Congress, enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.